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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the patent documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 (the "citation form"). In accordance with the pre-OG Notice dated July 11, 2003, entitled "Information Disclosure Statements May Be Filed Without Copies of U.S. Patents and Published Applications in Patent Applications filed after June 30, 2003," only copies of the listed foreign documents listed below are enclosed.

STATEMENT/PETITION/FEE

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three (3) months of the filing date of the above-identified divisional application. Accordingly, Applicants submit that no Statement, Petition, or Fee is necessitated by the filing of this paper. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee necessitated by the filing of this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed for that purpose.

REMARKS

This Information Disclosure Statement cites information, which is of record in the parent application, i.e., U.S. Patent Application No. 09/793,130, filed February 27, 2001.

U.S. Patent No. 6,332,063 B1 issued on December 18, 2001, from Application No. 09/536,306 and U.S. Patent No. 6,345,162 B1 issued on February 5, 2002, from Application No. 09/567,988, both of which were cited in the parent application.

U.S. Patent No. 4,589,762, U.S. Patent No. 4,611,905, U.S. Patent No. 4,626,096, U.S. Patent No. 4,847,659, U.S. Patent No. 5,124,751, U.S. Patent No. 5,581,326, U.S. Patent No. 5,754,916, U.S. Patent No. 5,937,227, U.S. Patent No. 6,345,162, Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 60-49362, Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 62-3269 and Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 10-333419 were cited by the Examiner in an Office Action dated March 27, 2002, in the parent application.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider the cited patent documents and that an annotated copy of the citation Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating such consideration.

Favorable consideration hereof is earnestly solicited.

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